

ABSTRACT

A gaming machine having a multi-tiered power supply and power
5 distribution system which enables maintenance of low security and higher failure
rate components such as video monitors, LCDs, or reel mechanisms without
disconnecting power from higher security, low failure rate components such as the
main processor board. The ability to provide multi-tiered power in this manner
allows low security risk items to be serviced while the gaming machine is still in
10 contact with the casino's backend reporting system, reporting on its status. This
improves security, accountability of maintenance personnel, and significantly
reduces overall gaming machine down time.